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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the CAG`s Report No. 5 of 2002 wherein it has been pointed out that the taxonomic study of the specimens collected has not been completed so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Report refers to non completion of faunal survey and taxonomic studies by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI).

(b)&(c) The Zoological Survey of India has completed survey, inventorisationand taxonomic studies as per schedule covering 12 ecosystems and several other conservation areas from different geographic zones except in Jammu and Kashmir and some North Eastern States due to law and order problems. The Ministry has initiated several steps including training and capacity building in taxonomy so as to cover the gap areas.